

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr K Shults  
Cllr H Vale  
Cllr M Waters

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one member of the public

Mr Ian Ashcroft of Lucy Developments and Mr Paul Southouse of Paul Southouse Architects attended the start of the meeting to discuss the proposed development of land adjacent to Walnuts 4 Aston Abbots Road Cublington. A revised planning application, 23/01189/APP has been submitted which replaces the approved application 21/01248/APP. Mr Ashcroft gave a background to Lucy Developments and Mr Southouse presented the changes to the approved permission. In summary the original application was for three detached and two semi-detached houses whilst the new application is for five detached houses. Design plans were distributed setting out the new plans with comparison to the old plans. The company has met neighbours to the site to explain the changes and a construction management plan. A discussion took place over the plans and approach to the project. The company hopes to start the development this summer and anticipated it taking 14 months to completion. Cllr Vale pointed out that hemlock was growing on the site which needs to be sprayed as it spreads very quickly.

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Bond and Cooper (Bucks Council)

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

None

**4. Reports**

**Bucks Council Councillors**

Cllr Blamires updated the meeting concerning the site clearance at the back of Silver Street. Bucks Council had written to the owners requesting clarification of their intentions. The owners confirmed they would be applying for planning. The owners are not allowed to do any work on the site until a planning application has been granted otherwise an enforcement notice will be issued. The Forestry Commission is continuing its investigation of the site.

The clerk asked the county councillors for assistance on the following matters:

1. The gate and fence at Orchard Ground had been damaged by a contractor (Hanson) of Transport for Bucks when the Stewkley Road was resurfaced in February this year. A claim had been made through the proper channels, but nothing is happening.
2. It was felt the quality of resurfacing on the Stewkley Road was poor.
3. A pothole was repaired last week just outside Orchard Ground entrance. It was the size of a laptop computer whilst there were numerous potholes at the entrance to Silver Street ignored. We had received numerous complaints from residents on the quality of the work.
4. Repair work should have been completed on Church Path. This was first raised in July 2022.
5. There is an issue with kerb posts concerning encroachment of council land outside New Dairy Farm which was raised in May 2022.
6. Roadworks near Acorn Farm took over a week. Why did this work take so long?

Cllr Blamires requested backup information for each query and the clerk said he would send an email to her.

## **5. Accounts**

### **5.1 To approve payments since last meeting**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023:

19/3 SSE £91.82 Electricity  
28/3 Clerk salary £164.83  
28/3 HMRC £123.40 PAYE  
28/3 Best Kept Village £25  
2/4 Fitzpatrick Woolmer £1,179 Lectern for crossroads  
2/4 Autela Payroll £83.27 payroll services  
24/4 Imperative Training £286.20 Defib replacement battery  
24/4 Mainly Mowing £228.75  
21/4 SSE £112.68 Electricity  
24/4 BALC £57.86 Membership  
27/4 Clerk Salary £180.78

### **5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

The end of year accounts was discussed. There was a surplus of £3,083.80 and the closing cash balance on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was £21,702.75. There were committed costs of legal fees estimated at £2,500 carried over to 23/24. The surplus funds are earmarked for traffic calming schemes and replacement of street lighting mercury lamps to LED.

### **5.3 To approve the accounting statements by resolution**

The meeting approved the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## **6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report**

The resurfacing of the car park has been completed.  
Two disabled logos are to put on the tarmac.  
Signs to go up concerning 'Caution 5mph' speed and 'caution pedestrians.

LED lighting has been installed.  
Coronation celebrations went well yesterday.  
North Field is looking nice with the blossom out.  
Care of the cricket outfield required when events held at OG.

## **6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity**

It was agreed the clerk and Cllr Waters would arrange a meeting with Parrott and Coales to resolve their lack of response to us.

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 19/04435/ACL** Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site -. case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision on a complex case.

**7.2 P0430/W/22/3300155** Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision.

**7.3 23/00980/App** – New Diary Farm Stewkley Road Cublington LU7 0LS Erection of agricultural building and concrete hardstanding . No objection

**7.4 23/01100/App** –The Old Rectory High Street Cublington LU7 0LQ Householder application for replacement wooden greenhouse with a powder coated aluminium glasshouse. No objection

**7.5 23/01189/APP** - Land Adj Walnuts 4 Aston Abbots Road, Cublington . Erection of five dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping(amendment to planning approval 21/01248/APP allowed by Appeal APP/J0405/W/21/3285501. The meeting was disappointed that the new application was for five detached houses and the new designs were not in keeping with the local surroundings. No objection but the points to be raised with the planning officer.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic**

Cllr Shults reported Speedwatch sessions continue and reported stats as below .It was felt the speed of traffic through the village has reduced significantly as a result of Speedwatch. Cllr Shults and his team were thanked for their excellent work.

### **8.3 Street Lighting:**

Quotation has been received concerning replacement of all mercury lamps with LED, but there are some queries which Cllr Antosiewicz will clarify with the contractor.

### **8.4 Trees and lectern**

Awaiting an exact date for delivery of lectern. Hopefully, it will be in place before the end of the month with an official unveiling. We are waiting to hear on a grant application from the local Community Board.

### **8.5 Kerb Posts concerning encroachment of council land.**

With Bucks Council.

### **8.6 Coronation**

The picnic organised by Orchard Ground Association went well.

### **8.7 Best Kept Village Competition**

We have entered this year's competition. Hanging baskets will be put up at the bus stop. Judging will be taking place in June and July.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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